opening of branches, States have an important role to play as they are associated at the time of identification and selection of centres which are sent to Reserve Bank of India by the State Governments. The State Governments have also been increasingly involved in the financing of the development activities by the commercial banks, especially in the programmes for alleviation of poverty.

Working of Nationalised Banks in West Bengal

788. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks operating in West Bengal are ignoring NABARD's advice to take up a case to case review of all defaulting borrowers and initiate action to reschedule repayments in deserving cases;

(b) if so, how Government are allowing such unresponsiveness in the banking sector; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to clear the mess?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) NABARD had advised all scheduled commercial banks to conduct a case by case analysis of the defaulter borrowers for the twin purpose of providing relief to the deserving borrowers and improve the recovery position.

Reports received by NABARD in this connection indicate that most of the banks are yet to take up the case by case analysis in a big way. NABARD has further reported that it is pursuing this matter with all the banks to ensure that this exercise is completed early in all States.

Undertaking of Civil Construction work in Soviet Union by Indian Companies

789. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that same Indian companies are likely to undertake civil construction work in the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) It is learnt that few Indian companies, mainly in the private sector, was negotiating with Soviet organisation for civil construction work in USSR. Negotiations are in progress. Details regarding the result would be known as and when any firm contract or agreement has been finalised between the two sides.

Public Sector Banks Economists Meet

790. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ninth-Public Sector banks economists meet was held in Delhi on 31st May, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussion held; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Ninth Public Sector Banks Economists' meet was held in Delhi on 30th May to 1st June, 1986. The following topics were discussed in the Five sessions of the meeting:—

(i) Implementation of the Report of the Committee on Monetary system for Banks;